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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you have almost five minutes if you care to use them.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I...I need to ask Senator Bourne a couple questions, and if he's answered these I apologize because I did not...I did not hear the answers, but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BROMM: ...could...could you respond, Senator Bourne, in the committee hearing and tell me who appeared in favor of the LB 497?

SENATOR BOURNE: The bill was brought, I believe, by the defense attorneys. I believe there was a man named Mowbray, M-o-w-b-r-a-y, that testified in support of it. I introduced it. Those individuals that testify...testified in opposition were Kent Roupf, and I apologize if I'm pronouncing that wrong, it's R-o-u-m-p-f, with the Police Officers Association; Alan Baldwin, Nebraska Chiefs Association; and Jack Cheloha, the lobbyist for the city of Omaha, and again I want to make clear that not the city of Omaha Police Department, city of Omaha. That was the only opposition that I had or that was presented at the...at the hearing and up until two days ago that was the only opposition that I knew of to the bill. Nobody has come to me and said that this bill is harmful or, you know, in any...in any manner other than those people that presented themselves at the hearing. And, I'll say this to you, Senator Bromm, we addressed each of those individuals' concerns that were expressed at the hearing in the committee amendment. So every concern that I've heard about the bill has been addressed in the committee amendment. They said it was too...it was too broad.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, I...I just...

SENATOR BOURNE: We took care of it.

SENATOR BROMM: ...wanted to know, I'm sorry, who testified. Thank you. I'm noticing in the original bill again, and